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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated 21 May 2001, applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the Office Action be reconsidered and withdrawn, based on the following.

In the current Office Action, the Examiner has withdrawn the prior rejections of claims, and presents a single new ground rejection of most claims involving a newly cited reference (a textbook on Permanent-Magnet and Brushless DC Motors, T. Kenjo et al., hereinafter "Kenjo" that was not necessitated by any amendment presented in Amendment-B. Specifically, in Amendment-B the only claim amendments presented were the addition of new claims 21-24. On the other hand, in the prior Office Action, the Examiner had rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-10 and 17-19 under 35 USC 103(a) based on Figs 15-16 of the present application and Marchegiani (WO 90/10336), and he rejected claims 3, 7, 16 and 20 under 35 USC 103(a) based on Figs 15-16 and Marchegiani and Umeda et al.

(US Patent 5,955,810).

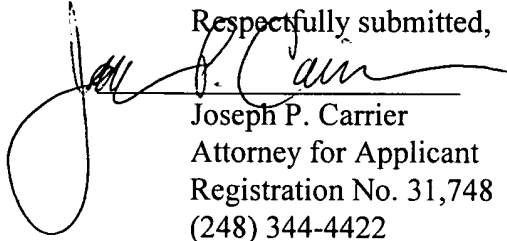
Given the limited nature of claim modifications presented in applicant's Amendment-B, however, applicant respectfully submits that the new rejections (involving Kenjo) were plainly not necessitated by the Amendment-B. In this situation MPEP '706.07(a) requires that the Office Action should not be made final.

Correspondingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action dated May 21, 2003.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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